

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed May 4, 2004, the shortened statutory period for filing a response being set to expire on August 4, 2004. In view of the above amendments and below remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner, in paragraph 2 of the Official Action, has rejected claims 8-10, 18-20, 30-32, and 42-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the term "formed" so as to now recite "foamed". As this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding the cited prior art, the Examiner has designated dependent claims 5-7, 15-17, 27-29 and 39-41 as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicant has revised claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claim 5, claim 11 to include the features of dependent claim 15, claim 21 to include the features of dependent claim 27, and claim 33 to include the features of dependent claim 39. As such, all claims pending in this application are now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000 so as to overcome any outstanding issue. If there are any fees to be charged in connection with this

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amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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